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ROCKY FLATS MONITORING COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 1, 1988

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## QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC

- Why hasn't CDH done all the monitoring? Why allow the company to do it?
- Why aren't they (RFP) identifying the locations where they are monitoring the community? They just put code numbers in their reports
- The samplers are about 2 feet off the ground Shouldn't they be monitoring 100 feet, 200 feet or 1000 feet as well?
- The Rocky Flats Plant should be doing organic analysis of the atmosphere as well as in water and soil
- The Rocky Flats plant has failed to address the air pathway to health hazards from spray irrigation
- We want a status report on how pond crete is being handled, stored, etc Is it still sitting outside in cardboard boxes?
- What is the status of the tank storage inventory?
- Look at the results of well testing in 1987 since new wells were put in (The implication was that the new wells were seeing less plutonium than the old ones Therefore they were less sensitive - no good )
- Get more recent sediment study data
- Prevent DOE from using EPA contamination standards ( Pu in soil ) that have never been accepted
- Plutonium contamination on site may be 100 times higher than what CEARP says 1000 curies of plutonium may have been released from the drums - a few million times fallout levels There needs to be discussion of removal of the pad, how and where Clean up will cost hundreds of millions of dollars The committee needs to address funding
- We want EPA to be making the determinations on the CEARP sites Why isn't this being done?
- How is your (CERCLA) investigation program designed? How are these programs managed? What we want to know is who is in charge of what by department
- What is the relevance of the NPL scoring system? Is a 40 ten times more serious than a 4?
- Was DOW management involved in the interviews in preparing the CEARP document?
- Will off-site, sites go through the same 5 phase ( CEARP ) approach?

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- Prior to 1970 DOE did not differentiate between Low Level and TRU waste. Are you likely to dig up potentially high level waste? Will there be an EA or EIS for each site? Didn't DOW keep records of this stuff?
- What enforcement authority does EPA have over DOE? Can you put them in jail?
- If Rocky Flats becomes part of the NPL when will it be?
- What about separating hazardous waste from by-product waste?
- What is the status of the EPA proposed guidelines (Pu in soil) When will EPA finalize them?
- With high level waste incineration in Building 771 what happens to the filters? With this most toxic situation next to the public when do you shut down the plant? What authority does safety have to shut down production?
- We need a demonstration / presentation on what a HEPA filter is. Who uses it, and how these filters are disposed of after they are contaminated?
- Is it true that there are 43 vents spewing out radioactivity over the metropolitan area every day?
- Has there been an analysis of the Leyden landfill for cesium? Ed Martell and Carl Johnson reported that there must have been a criticality at the plant because the cesium levels around the plant were higher than normal.
- Who owns the ARCO Oil Company in the Rocky Flats Industrial Park? Some of the barrels there were barrels moved off the Rocky Flats Plant site.
- Is there any study to show the increases of cancer in Arvada and Westminster?
- EPA has asked the National Cancer Institute to outline its study of Nation Wide Nuclear Facilities. There is no study that proves increased cancer.
- We need chromosome studies on site and of the immediate neighborhood.
- A birth defects registry is needed.
- From 1979 to 1981 there were 2000 cases of cancer in the area. Since 1981 there have been 12,000 cancers. All we get is "we will study it more - we'll form another committee". People are getting sick and dying while they study.
- Can one avoid conflict of interest in production versus health? We need an independent agency to look at health and safety monitoring. The data has been skewed. When Carl Johnson found tritium DOE sampled lower than they should have to make the data look good.

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- The DOE has ignored the healthy worker syndrome
- Does this council have authority to require health risk assessments
- Why doesn't CDH do more air sampling? Why are you sending your samples to DOE contract labs that only work for DOE facilities?
- We need to move this place to Nevada!
- We understand you have a LIDAR radar at the plant. Who's radar is it and what are you doing with it?
- We want a couple of visits to the Plant One to see the waste sites and the other to see the waste processes
- We would like to cover the monitoring program next month We will cover health risks and health assessments in May
- There should be some correlations between past accidents at the plant and the health problems we are having We are seeing massive incidents of flue, mono, and leukemia Have CDH describe the health studies that have been done
- The Blue Ribbon Citizens committee had \$250,000 for a technical advisory group Can this council get money from FEMA?
- There is an offer from the Arvada Mayor to provide a \$3000 matching grant for long term funding Broomfield and Westminster are expected to join in
- The movie DARK CIRCLE should be shown at one of the meetings
- A file should be created by this council on Rocky Flats Westminster has already agreed to receive council materials Many documents are already there
- Hanford has a public document room for all declassified materials Where is Rocky Flats' public reading room? I'm interested in internal documents from DOW and Rockwell Where is that location
- Historical documents from the former Rocky Flats Monitoring Committee are available

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Point of interest -

*A man known only as Walter was overheard conversing with friends in the lobby during the meeting. He indicated that he intends to attend all of these meetings and plans to get DOE or Rockwell into filing suit against him. Once that happens he and his friends at the DU law school are ready to file a counter suit. He attends law school at DU where a group of students meet weekly to discuss Rocky Flats issues.*

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Agenda Rocky Flats Environmental Monitoring Council, Second Meeting,  
Tuesday, March 1, 1988

Executive Order Rocky Flats Environmental Monitoring Council, Governor Roy  
Romero, January 25, 1988

News Release, State of Colorado Executive Chambers, Governor's Press Office,  
January 25, 1988

Review and comments on CEARP Phase I An Inventory of Hazardous Chemical  
and Radioactive Waste Sites at the Rocky Flats Nuclear weapons  
Facility, Prepared for Colorado Representative Sam Williams' Ad Hoc  
Committee on Rocky Flats by Jan Pilcher, September, 1987.

Comments On CEARP Phase I, Prepared by Jan Pilcher, Citizens Against Rocky  
Flats Contamination, September, 1986

Rocky Flats Environmental Monitoring Council Meeting Summary, February 7,  
1988

For discussion Ideas for council meetings/activities